

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A device for use in conjunction with a mouth and an ear of a user, the device comprising:

a vocal sound receiver configured to receive a sound from the user, the sound having a sound level;

a sound director having a first end, a second end, and at least one hollow portion positioned between the first end and the second end, the first end being coupled to the vocal sound receiver;

a sound regulator operatively coupled to the vocal sound receiver, the sound regulator configured to change the sound level to a different sound level; and

an ear sound deliverer coupled to the second end of the sound director, the ear sound deliverer configured to:

- (a) cover all of the ear of the user; and
- (b) deliver the different sound level to the ear of the user.

Claim 2 (original): The device of Claim 1, wherein the vocal sound receiver, the sound director and the ear sound deliverer are each entirely mechanical.

Claim 3 (original): The device of Claim 1, wherein the ear sound deliverer includes a head engagement member.

Claim 4 (original): The device of Claim 1, which includes at least one head securing member removably attached to the vocal sound receiver, the sound director or the ear sound deliverer.

Claim 5 (withdrawn): The device of Claim 1, which includes a length adjustment assembly defined by an operative coupling between the sound director and the: (a) vocal sound receiver; or (b) ear sound deliverer.

Claim 6 (withdrawn): The device of Claim 1, which includes a sound regulator operatively coupled to the vocal sound receiver, the sound director or the ear sound deliverer.

Claim 7 (withdrawn): The device of Claim 1, which includes a cover coupled to the vocal sound receiver, the cover having a plurality of walls which define a plurality of openings.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A device for directing sound from a mouth of a vocalist to an ear of the vocalist, the device comprising:

a vocal sound receiver defining at least one opening configured to receive a sound from the user, the sound having a sound level;

a sound regulator positioned adjacent ~~operatively coupled to~~ the vocal sound receiver, the sound regulator configured to change the sound level to a different sound level;

a sound director having: (a) a first hollow portion coupled to the vocal sound receiver, the first hollow portion defining at least one bend; (b) a second hollow portion coupled to the first hollow portion; and (c) a third hollow portion coupled to the second hollow portion, the third hollow portion defining at least one bend;

an ear sound deliverer coupled to the third hollow portion, the ear sound deliverer:

- (a) defining at least one opening sized to cover all of the ear of the user, the ear sound deliverer having a head engagement member;  
and
- (b) having at least one head securing member coupled to the sound director; and
- (c) being configured to deliver the different sound level to the ear of the user.

Claim 9 (original): The device of Claim 8, wherein the sound director is a one-piece member.

Claim 10 (original): The device of Claim 8, wherein the vocal sound receiver, the sound director and the ear sound deliverer are each entirely mechanical.

Claim 11 (original): The device of Claim 8, wherein the head engagement member has a perimeter portion which encompasses the ear of the vocalist.

Claim 12 (original): The device of Claim 8, wherein the head securing member includes an elongated head portion engagement member.

Claim 13 (original): The device of Claim 8, wherein the sound director includes a fastener which enables the head securing member to be removably attached to the sound director.

Claim 14 (original): The device of Claim 8, wherein the device has an interchangeable left ear orientation and right ear orientation.

Claim 15 (original): The device of Claim 14, wherein the sound director includes: (a) a first fastener which enables the head securing member to be removably attached to a first side of the sound director in the left ear orientation; and (b) a second fastener which enables the head securing member to be removably attached to a second side of the sound director in the right ear orientation.

Claim 16 (withdrawn): The device of Claim 8, wherein the vocal sound receiver includes a cover which extends across the opening of the vocal sound receiver.

Claim 17 (withdrawn): The device of Claim 16, wherein the cover has a plurality of walls which define a plurality of openings.

Claim 18 (withdrawn): The device of Claim 16, wherein the cover has a porous structure.

Claim 19 (withdrawn): The device of Claim 8, wherein the sound director includes a length adjuster which enables a distance between the vocal sound receiver and the ear sound deliverer to be adjusted.

Claim 20 (withdrawn): The device of Claim 19, wherein the second tubular portion has a length adjustment zone.

Claim 21 (withdrawn): The device of Claim 20, wherein the first tubular portion has a size relative to a size of the second tubular portion so that the first tubular portion slidably receives the second tubular portion.

Claim 22 (withdrawn): The device of Claim 20, wherein the first tubular portion has a size relative to a size of the second tubular portion so that the first tubular portion is slidably received by the second tubular portion.

Claim 23 (withdrawn): The device of Claim 20, wherein the first tubular portion or the second tubular portion includes a length adjustment control member.

Claim 24 (withdrawn): The device of Claim 8, wherein the vocal sound receiver, the sound director or the ear sound deliverer includes at least one sound regulator.

Claim 25 (withdrawn): The device of Claim 24, wherein the sound regulator has a plurality of settings for controlling different levels of transmission of the sound to the ear sound deliverer.

Claim 26 (currently amended): A method for configuring a device for directing vocal sound from a vocalist to at least one ear of the vocalist, the method comprising:

- (a) configuring the device so as to enable the vocalist to secure- the device to a head portion of the vocalist;
- (b) configuring- a first portion of the device so that the first portion is operable to receive the vocal sound from the vocalist, the vocal sound having a sound level;
- (c) configuring the device to enable the sound level to be changed to a different sound level;
- (~~d~~e) configuring- a second portion of the device so that the second portion is operable to direct at least a portion of the different sound level ~~vocal sound~~ towards a third portion of the device, wherein the second portion has a hollow shape; and
- (~~e~~d) configuring the third portion of the device so that the third portion is operable to: (i) cover all of the ear; and (ii) direct the at least portion of the different sound level ~~vocal sound~~ to- the ear of the vocalist. ; and
- (~~e~~) ~~enabling the vocalist to regulate a characteristic of the vocal sound which is transmitted from the first portion of the device to the third portion of the device.~~

Claim 27 (original): The method of Claim 26, wherein step (a) includes the step of providing a unitary device which includes the first portion, the second portion and the third portion.

Claim 28 (withdrawn): The method of Claim 26, which includes the step of enabling the vocalist to adjust a length of the device.

Claim 29 (original): The method of Claim 26, which includes the step of enabling the vocalist to adapt the device for delivering the vocal sound to a right ear or a left ear of the user.

Claim 30 (withdrawn): The method of Claim 26, which includes the step of enabling the vocalist to regulate a characteristic of the vocal sound which is transmitted from the first portion of the device to the third portion of the device.

Claim 31 (currently amended): A method for configuring a device for assisting a user in hearing a voice of the user, the method comprising:

(a) configuring a mechanical head set so as to enable the user to install the mechanical head set on a head portion of the user;

(b) configuring the mechanical head set so as to enable the user to input a vocal sound into the mechanical head set, the vocal sound having a sound level;

(c) configuring the mechanical head set ~~so that~~ to include a receiving portion of which the mechanical head set is operable to receive the vocal sound;

(d) configuring the mechanical head set to include a sound regulator positioned adjacent to the receiving portion, wherein the sound regulator is operable to change the vocal sound level to a different sound level;

(~~e~~) configuring the mechanical head set so that the mechanical head set is operable to direct at least a portion of the different sound level ~~vocal sound from the receiving portion,~~ through a hollow channel toward at least one ear of the user, wherein the ear has a perimeter and the perimeter defines a total area of the ear; and

(~~f~~) configuring the mechanical head set so that the mechanical head set is operable to direct the at least portion of the different sound level ~~vocal sound to the total area of the ear;~~ and

(~~f~~) ~~enabling the user to regulate a characteristic of the vocal sound which is directed to an ear of the user.~~

Claim 32 (original): The method of Claim 31, wherein step (a) includes the step of providing a unitary mechanical head set.

Claim 33 (withdrawn): The method of Claim 31, which includes the step of enabling the user to adjust a length of the mechanical head set.

Claim 34 (original): The method of Claim 31, which includes the step of enabling the user to adapt the mechanical head set for delivering the vocal sound to a right ear or a left ear of the user.

Claim 35 (withdrawn): The method of Claim 31, which includes the step of enabling the user to regulate a characteristic of the vocal sound which is directed to an ear of the user.